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13.	Southern variable rainfall, mixed soil zone	(i) (ii) (iii) (iv) (v) (vi)	Pond/tanks/kunta Nadi Check Dam Percolation Tank Sub-surface Dam Gully plugging	(i) Flat batter tank (ii) Selection of suitable site and (iii) Improvement of existing system for better water management
14.	Southern bi-modal rainfall zone	(i) (ii) (iii) (iv) (v)	Ponds/tanks Percolation tanks Gully plugging Contour bunding Check dams	Improvement of existing systems
15.	Eastern Coromandal	(i) (ii) (iii) (iv) (v) (vi)	Pond/tank/kunta Nadi Check dam Percolation tank Sub-surface dam Gully plugging	(i) Adoption of improved design of Nadi and tank (ii) Selection of suitable sites and improvement of existing system for better water management
16.	Western Malabar	(i) (ii) (iii) (iv) (v) (vi) (vii)	Pond/tank/kunta Check dam Percolation tank Contour bunding Bandhara Kolhapur type weirs Sub-surface dam	(i) Improvement in existing system, better water management (ii) Construction of structures at suitable sites

Vegetable prices

1823. SHRI SK. KHABIR UDDIN AHMED: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of high prices of vegetables in the market; and

(b) the action being taken to bring down the prices?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. During the month of October and November, 2005, the prices of some vegetables like onion and potato increased. The prices of onion increased on account of lower arrivals in major wholesale markets in the country in October, 2005 due to erratic and excessive rainfall particularly in major onion growing States of Maharashtra and Gujarat. The hike in the price of potatoes was caused by erratic and unprecedented rainfall which damaged the advance crop in the month of September in States like Punjab and West Bengal. This has led to decreased availability of potato in the markets leading to hike in the prices. The Government made intervention through National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India to ensure stability in the prices. Government launched National Horticulture Mission in May, 2005 for doubling of horticulture production including onion and potato by 2011-2012.

Commission for agrarian crisis

1824. SHRI SITARAM YECHURY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any Commission has been appointed by Government to look into the agrarian crisis in the country;

(b) if so, whether the Commission has submitted its report; and

(c) the major recommendations of the Commission?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Commission has so far submitted two Interim Reports.

(c) The First Interim Report of the National Commission on Farmers covers a wide range of recommendations dealing with integrated life saving support programme for farm families facing acute distress, productivity and livelihood enhancement in rainfed areas, a new deal for women in agriculture, strengthening and expanding the horticulture revolution, enhancing productivity, quality and global competitiveness of cotton, sustaining and expanding trade of farm commodities and its sanitary and phytosanitarty dimensions, village as knowledge center and food and